





Weather

Friday  Thunderstorms High 78°F Low 65°F	Saturday  Partly Cloudy High 79°F Low 59°F
Sunday  Partly Cloudy High 82°F Low 62°F	Monday  Partly Cloudy High 85°F Low 60°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

B-1 Roadshow

A B-1 Roadshow is scheduled May 23 – 24. Static display viewing is available 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. May 23 and 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. May 24 at SAC Ramp. Briefings are available 2 – 3 p.m. May 23 and 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. May 24 at Phillips Auditorium.

Memorial Day Ceremony

A Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. May 26 at the Smith Plaza. Attendance by all Team BLAZE members is highly encouraged.

Memorial Day Holiday and AETC Family Day

Most base organizations are closed May 27 – 30 in observance of Memorial Day holiday and the associated Air Education and Training Command family day.

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 16-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Community College of the Air Force graduates pause for a photo during a graduation ceremony May 13 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Following the graduation ceremony, graduates and their guests were invited to a reception sponsored by the Top 3 and the Air Force Association.

Thirty-one Team BLAZE members earn CCAF degree

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Team BLAZE held its annual Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony May 13 in the Columbus Club here.

Following the graduation ceremony, graduates and their guests were invited to a reception sponsored by the Top 3 and the Air Force Association.

Capt. Nicholas Cooley, 41st Flying Training Squadron Chennault Flight Assistant Commander, was the guest speaker for the graduation. Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Thomas, 14th FTW acting Command Chief Master Sergeant, presented degrees to each of the graduates in attendance.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (17-04)	3.55 days	2.83 days	June 30	48th (16-10)	0.77 days	1.46 days	June 10	49th (16-HBC)	3.37 days	1.29 days	June 1	T-6	1,762	1,889	19,471
41st (17-03)	2.73 days	2.96 days	June 8	50th (16-10)	-1.25 days	0.40 days	June 10					T-1	598	592	6,466
												T-38	609	611	6,410
												IFF	249	246	2,645

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Richard Perraut Jr., retired Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Washington, D.C.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 48 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.



Memorial Day Holiday hours

Airman & Family Readiness Center	Closed May 27 - 30
Arts & Crafts, Wood Shop	Closed May 27 - 30
Back Gate.....	Closed May 27 - 30
Bowling Center	Open May 27, noon – 8 p.m., Closed May 30
Child Development Center	Closed May 27 - 30
Columbus Club.....	Closed May 27 - 30
Commissary	Closed May 30 - 31
Exchange	Open May 30, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fitness Center	Open 24/7 (register at front desk)
Golf Course	Open May 27 and 30, 8 a.m. – dusk
Medical Group	Closed May 27 - 30
Military Personnel and Finance	Closed May 27 - 30
Multimedia	Closed May 27 - 30
Outdoor Recreation	Closed May 30
Shoppette	Open May 30, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Visitor's Center	Closed May 27 - 30
Youth Center.....	Closed May 27 - 30

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23 B-1 Roadshow	24 Columbus AFB new sign unveiling, 10:30 a.m. @ Hwy 45	25 SUPT Class 16-10 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	26 Safety Day briefs, 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. @ Kaye Memorial Day Ceremony, 10 a.m. @ Smith Plaza	27 AETC Family Day Independence Pool Opens	28/29	June 7: Air Force Officer Qualification Test June 7: AAFES Department Director arrival June 9: 41st FTS Change of Command June 9: USAFA hail and farewell June 10: SUPT Class 16-10 graduation June 16: 14th MSG Change of Command June 20-22: Vacation Bible School June 21: Wing Commander all call June 21: Wing Newcomers Orientation June 25: Color Run June 28: 14th CES Change of Command June 30: Enlisted Promotions July 1: 14th MDSS Change of Command July 1: Fireworks on the Water July 7: 81st FTS Change of Command July 8: SUPT Class 16-11 graduation
30 Memorial Day	31 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club Enlisted Promotions, 3 p.m. @ Club	1 EMCC President visit	2	3 LGBT 5K Fun Run, 7 a.m. @ Fitness Center Air Force Ball Dodgeball tournament, 5:30 p.m. @ Fitness Center	4/5	

Flying with DRAGON improves capabilities

Patty Welsh
66th Air Base Group Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. — A recent successful test flight of an upgraded Flight Management System Suite for the E-3 Sentry (AWACS) provides the warfighter with enhanced battle management capabilities.

AWACS aircraft provide an integrated command and control battle management, surveillance, target detection, and tracking platform. The aircraft provides an accurate, real-time picture of the battlespace to the Joint Air Operations Center.

The upgrade provides three principal benefits to the warfighter. It ensures compliance with current and future air traffic control requirements, giving the aircraft broader access to conduct battle management operations in airspace around the world. It resolves non-sustainable analog equipment with commercially viable digital avionics, replacing 1970s-era systems; and it also reduces cockpit crew personnel from four to three by automating the navigation function.

“The cockpit upgrade will make the AWACS fleet operationally ready for worldwide deployments, meeting all the new air traffic management mandates for the ever-increasingly congested international airspace — while reducing the logistical footprint and increasing cost savings,” said Collin Manzo, the engineering and manufacturing development program manager.

The test flight took place on April 20 at Boeing Field in Kent, Washington, as part of the Air Force’s CNS/ATM DRAGON, program, which stands for Communication,



Photo courtesy of Boeing

An E-3 Sentry, with an upgraded Flight Management System Suite, takes off for a test flight in Kent, Washington, April 20, 2016. The upgrades, being managed by a program office at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, eliminate diminishing manufacturing source issues, ensure compliance with current and future air traffic control requirements, and automate the navigation function, allowing for a reduction in cockpit crew from four to three.

Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management Diminishing Manufacturing Sources Replacement of Avionics for Global Operations and Navigation. Officials have said the benefits springboard the AWACS platform into the future while reducing over-

all system maintenance and sustainability costs.

“The modernized flight deck is more user-intuitive, with full-color glass displays that enable customizable engine, navigation and radar information,” said Gwen

LaMuro, the DRAGON program manager. “This enhanced avionics system suite utilizes commercial, off-the-shelf equipment which eliminates diminishing manufacturing source issues, provides a commercially available replacement solution and reduces sustainability risk to the AWACS platform.”

The program now enters the flight test qualification phase to prove out any unique Air Force requirements. Following that, program managers anticipate delivery of modified D1 aircraft to the 552nd Air Control Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, in May 2017. There, the aircraft will undergo government operation test and evaluation and then production modification for the rest of the fleet, to be accomplished by the depot staff at Tinker AFB beginning in 2018.

The CNS/ATM DRAGON program is a cooperative program between the U.S. and NATO. NATO’s first aircraft, known as N1, completed testing in April and is nearing completion of the full EMD phase.

“This program is a great example of international cooperation benefiting both partners, as the U.S. and NATO AWACS fleets are about 95 percent common in design,” LaMuro said. “We have incorporated the efficiencies and learned lessons from the NATO N1 aircraft in the U.S. Air Force aircraft design, reducing the overall shared costs by tens of millions of dollars for both stakeholders. This truly culminates a successful relationship between NATO and the U.S. and these modifications ensure the critical capability AWACS provides to our warfighters and allies around the world.”

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

Track Select

Capt. Jeffrey Bordenave	T-1
Capt. Katherine Hewlett	T-1
2nd Lt. Mohammed Alfarraj	T-38
2nd Lt. Abdoul Chaibou	T-6
2nd Lt. Joshua Eldredge	T-1
2nd Lt. Haleigh Ferguson	TH-1
2nd Lt. Marc Galera	T-1
2nd Lt. Jay Graham	T-1
2nd Lt. Benjamin Harmon	T-38
2nd Lt. Schuyler Howell	T-1
2nd Lt. Joshua James	T-38
2nd Lt. Alexandra Jenssen	T-1
2nd Lt. Bryan Maynard	T-1
2nd Lt. Eduardo Mertins	T-1
2nd Lt. Christopher Michalek	T-1
2nd Lt. Matthew Pitts	T-1
2nd Lt. Cameron Potts	T-1
2nd Lt. Matthew Riggins	T-38
2nd Lt. Cody Steele	T-38
2nd Lt. Josh Sturniolo	T-38
2nd Lt. Evan Taylor	T-1
2nd Lt. Alexander Trembly	T-38
2nd Lt. Frank Turk	T-1
2nd Lt. Tony Urbino	T-1
2nd Lt. Nicklaus Winkel	T-1



Leverette Award

2nd Lt. Josh Sturniolo

Top Guns

Contact: 2nd Lt. Josh Sturniolo
Instrument: 2nd Lt. Jay Graham
Formation: 2nd Lt. Joshua James

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41st FTS, members nominated for HCAP

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Congratulations to the 41st Flying Training Squadron and individual members for being nominated by Air Education and Training Command for the 2016 Honourable Company of Air Pilots:

41st Flying Training Squadron: Central Flying School Trophy, and The Award of Honour

Lt. Col. Jamison Riddle, 41st FTS: The Award for Gallantry, The Grand Master’s Commendation, The Hugh Gordon-Burge Memorial Award, and The Master’s Medal
1st Lt. Parker Herrington, 41st FTS: The Glover Trophy

1st Lt. Ryan McCluskey, 41st FTS: The Grand Master’s Medal

HCAP was established in the United Kingdom in 1929 to protect the interests of aircrew and to benefit them as guilds had historically served other skilled groups.

Then, as now, HCAP is working to improve aviation through consultation, raising professional standards, influencing aviation legislation and recognizing notable aviation achievements.

HCAP members are found in every major airline, within every manufacturer, and serving in the world’s leading military aviation organizations, to include active duty U.S. Air Force. The nominees will now compete with other international aircrew members. HCAP will select winners with an announcement later this year. The awards are presented in Guildhall, London, in late October.

CCAF

(Continued from page 1)

Overall, 31 Team BLAZE members received their CCAF degrees. The graduates are as follows:

14th Civil Engineer Squadron:

Master Sgt. Jeffery Randolph, Aircrew Safety Systems Technology

14th Contracting Squadron:

Airman 1st Class Nabila Ivaldi, Contracts Management

Airman 1st Class Gilbert Monk, Contracts Management

14th Comptroller Squadron:

Senior Airman Diarra McCormick, Financial Management

14th Communications Squadron:

Senior Airman Henri Alfonso, Information Systems Technology

Staff Sgt. Sarah Spare, Information Systems Technology

14th Force Support Squadron:

Master Sgt. Angela Schlosser, Human Resource management

14th Medical Group:

Master Sgt. Noe Torres, Human Resource Management

14th Medical Operations Squadron:

Senior Airman Audriana Howard, Public Health Technology

Staff Sgt. Cedric Hill, Health Care Management

Tech. Sgt. Oshar Reid, Public Health Technology

14th Operations Support Squadron:

Senior Airman Bridget Holling, Air Traffic Operations and Management

Staff Sgt. Anthony Hunt, Air Traffic Op-

erations and Management

Staff Sgt. Jimmy Phillips, Aviation Maintenance Technology

Tech. Sgt. Michael McElroy, Air Traffic Operations and Management

Tech. Sgt. Nathaniel Newkirk, Aircrew Safety Systems Technology

14th Security Forces Squadron:

Airman 1st Class Donovan Evans, Criminal Justice

Staff Sgt. Tiffani Potter, Criminal Justice

332nd U.S. Air Force Recruiting Squadron:

Staff Sgt. Stephen White, Human Resource Management

Tech. Sgt. Robert Dotson, Human Resource Management

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Griffiths, Human Resource Management

Tech. Sgt. Brandon Herrington, Avionics Systems Technology

Tech. Sgt. Kelly Colt, Human Resource Management

Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Longo, Human Resource Management

Tech. Sgt. Douglas Ownby, Human Resource Management

Tech. Sgt. Jordan Watts, Human Resource Management

Master Sgt. Denny Prier, Human Resource Management

Master Sgt. Shagala Taylor, Human Resource Management

Wing Staff Agency:

Staff Sgt. Chelsea Kemper, Emergency Management

Tech. Sgt. Lucila Sanchez Martinez, Paralegal

NEWS AROUND TOWN

May 20 – 21

Crappie Masters One Pole Ultimate Challenge Fishing Tournament is at the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway. For more information visit online at visitcolumbusms.org.

May 21

The Columbus Arts Council presents West of Shake Rag, Tupelo’s very own improv comedy troupe. The show starts at 7 p.m. at the Rozenzweig Art Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door, and they are available at the Co-

lumbus Arts Council. For more information visit visitcolumbusms.org.

May 28

The fourth annual Veterans Memorial Walk/Run will be held at 8 a.m. Attendees need to arrive by 7 a.m. for registration. Celebrate heroes with activities, music, food, and fellowship. Preregistration is \$25 by noon May 20, and includes a T-shirt. On-site registration is \$25 (does not include T-shirt). All participants will receive a medal. Email grandholmes@yahoo.com or call 662-889-0180 for more information.

BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@us.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Ad-

Miscellaneous

Wanted: Looking for a Racking Horse Gelding, fast or slow rack, must be smooth for an elder person. Please call 617-5049 if interested.

BLAZE FEST ROCKS FREEDOM PARK



BLAZE Fest attendees step dance during BLAZE Fest May 14 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Many people went to the dance floor following a Flash mob performance to dance to Top 40 hits along with classic party dances.



Members of the Caledonia High School Show Choir put on a live rendition of "Grease" for attendees of BLAZE Fest May 14 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. BLAZE Fest featured live music as well a DJ playing today's top music hits.



Members of the band Seeking Seven perform live for the attendees of BLAZE Fest May 14 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. BLAZE Fest featured many live local artists such as Seeking Seven, Elana Gilbert, and three Caledonia High School music performances.

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The smell of funnel cake and the laughter of children permeated the atmosphere during BLAZE Fest May 14 at Columbus Air Force Base.

Over 300 Airmen and their families attended the event which included live music, rides, games, and carnival food prepared by base organizations.

Live music included local bands such as Seeking Seven, Elana Gilbert, and Caledonia High School performance groups. A flash mob stole the show and performed a choreographed dance, inspiring others to dance along with the DJ. Along with the bands, the Asian-Pacific American Islander Heritage Committee also performed a traditional Polynesian dance.

The 14th Mission Support Group hosted a few demonstrations at the event. In one demonstration, firefighters rushed to put out fires caused by a candle, showing the audience just how quickly a fire can start and why candles shouldn't be left unattended. The 14th Security Forces Squadron also held a military working dog demonstration, showcasing the power and ability of the military working dogs as well as the training they receive.

Along with music and demonstrations, Team BLAZE Airmen and their families also participated in carnival type games and rides, a petting zoo, and numerous inflatables, all which were provided at no charge.



A child hits the target on the dunk tank at BLAZE Fest May 14 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Many activities such as inflatables, games and rides were set up for free for guests of all ages.

AF names top analysts: AETC team, individuals take home top honors

Ashley Palacios

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Education and Training Command's Battlefield Airmen Physical Fitness Study Team and three AETC individuals took home top Air Force level awards in the 2016 Air Force Analysis Award Competition.

Winners are: Battlefield Airmen Physical Fitness Study Team, Air Force Analytic Innovation Award; Capt. Kimberly Hale, 2016 Air Force Company Grade Analyst of the Year; Maj. Katherine Batterton, Air Force Field Grade Analyst of the Year honorable mention; and 1st Lt Sara Roberts, Air Force Outstanding Junior Analyst of the year honorable mention.

AIR FORCE TEAM AWARD

AETC's Battlefield Airmen Physical Fitness Study Team was presented with the inaugural Air Force Analytic Innovation Award May 4. The award recognizes an outstanding research team that uses unique and innovative techniques to conduct their research.

The team championed an Air Force study that encompassed a major objective of the secretary of defense-directed Women in Service Review.

"This is a transformational moment for the DOD, the Air Force and for women in service. While most career fields in the Air Force were open to women, there were still a few career fields from which women were excluded. The Women in Service Review was aimed at helping the secretary of defense decide if those exclusions should continue or be removed," said Lt. Col. Murphy, AETC Studies and Analysis Squadron commander.

While all Airmen must regularly complete a standardized physical fitness test, some career fields require a more specialized physical fitness test, known as a Tier 2 PT test. The Battlefield Airmen Physical Fitness Study Team developed a prototype PT test that is indicative



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Jose R. Davis

An Airman completes an obstacle course while wearing a 20-pound vest and a 50-pound rucksack, June 19, 2015, as researchers from the Air Force Fitness Testing and Standards Unit observe. The Airman is a volunteer in the fitness study, which supported the Air Force's Women in Service Review. The Battlefield Airmen Physical Fitness Study Team developed a prototype PT test that is indicative of the physical capabilities needed for combat. All male and female subjects underwent 39 physical fitness tests and 15 physical task simulations to link fitness tests and standards to real world operational tasks and requirements.

of the physical capabilities needed for combat. In other words, this prototype test could be used to determine if an Airman is physically well suited for some of the more rigorous AF career fields, such as tactical air control party or pararescue.

Determining those results was no easy task.

The team had to develop innovative new scales and measurements to collect and analyze the physical test data.

Using simulations and controlled environments, the team conducted tests, analyzed the data, developed new scales and proposed standards.

"This test is predictive," said Murphy. "The analysis is rigorous and transformative. Not compromising combat capability is the main concern — you don't want to make sweeping changes that you don't fully understand. This study allows the Air Force to make those sweeping changes without fear of reducing combat capability. The re-

sults of this study allow us to defend our decision to allow women into combat roles."

Dr. Neal Baumgartner was the team's lead. As chief of the Air Force Exercise Science Unit and exercise physiology consultant for Headquarters Air Force, Baumgartner is responsible for determining the physical fitness tests and standards for the Air Force.

"Our job was to design a test that predicts physical success in the operational environment," Baumgartner said. "There are many aspects of operational readiness — emotional, mental, physical, motivational, etc. — but our job is to help determine the physical component of readiness. When you make decisions based on science and research you know you're giving the best product to the Airmen and that you're getting the best Airmen in these career fields. It gives the Airmen and their leaders the confidence to know that they can physically handle their combat mission."

Baumgartner compared the study's relevance to a fighter aircraft. "You wouldn't want to send a jet into combat that isn't designed or fully capable of carrying out the combat mission. In the same way, we wouldn't want to send our Airmen into combat roles when they aren't operationally capable."

AETC's Battlefield Airmen Physical Fitness Study Team includes:

Neal Baumgartner, Civ (Team Leader) Maj. Katherine Batterton Staff Sgt. Erin Flerlage Capt. James Graves Master Sgt. Matthew Gruse Capt. Kimberly Hale Lt. Col. Ryan Logan Lt. Col. Eric Murphy 1st Lt. Sara Roberts 2nd Lt. Luis Vieyra

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Capt. Kimberly Hale was recognized as the Air Force Company Grade Analyst of the Year for her work not only on the Battlefield

Airmen Physical Fitness Team Study but on other research projects she spearheaded for the Air Force. While attending the Air Force Academy, Hale was selected to attend Pardee RAND Graduate School where she earned her Ph.D. Now, Hale is a flight commander at SAS.

Hale is the lead for AETC's involvement with RAND's Project Air Force. She selects the studies that get funded while making sure AETC's needs are being met. She is involved in study design, survey design, and recently gave a talk on innovational survey analysis, which was lauded by Headquarters Air Force Studies, Analysis, and Assessments, at the Military Operations Research Society Symposium. She also recently helped design, administer and analyze a survey for Air Force Recruiting Service that led to 140 policy recommendations.

"She's an absolutely stellar leader — both in terms of analysis and also as an officer. She teaches analysts, helps them grow as officers, and helps them understand what it means to be an Airman in the Air Force," said Murphy.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Receiving honorable mentions were Maj. Katherine Batterton and 1st Lt. Sara Roberts.

Batterton, director of operations & chief scientist at SAS, received an honorable mention for the Air Force Field Grade Analyst of the Year.

"Major Batterton took on many additional responsibilities that weren't expected of her when she arrived. I have never met a better military analyst in my almost 20 years in the Air Force. She's spectacular — she's going places," said Murphy.

Roberts, who is currently assigned to Pacific Air Force, was given an Honorable Mention for the Air Force Outstanding Junior Analyst of the Year. She was an integral member of AETC's Battlefield Airmen Physical Fitness Study Team as well other AETC projects during her time at AETC.

ic Islanders who were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in World War II “to determine whether any such award should be upgraded to the Medal of Honor.” The task of identifying soldiers who qualified for the review and locating the required official documentation was given to the Command History Office at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. The research was completed in September 1998 and turned the findings over to the U.S. Army’s Military Awards Branch. In June 2000, President William Clinton awarded the Medal of Honor to 22 Asian-Pacific Americans.

history.army.mil/html/topics/apam/ap-moh2.html

Columbus AFB holds first Green Dot training sessions

Master Sgt. Amanda Savannah
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base Green Dot Coordinators and Implementers completed the first phase of Green Dot training after briefing the second of two leadership sessions here May 18.

The Air Force contracted the non-profit Green Dot organization to provide interpersonal violence prevention training to the total Air Force over the next three years.

Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, attended the first leadership training session May 4.

“Green Dot is different from other training because it takes a grass-roots approach to reducing interpersonal violence, sexual assault, and stalking,” said LaShon Webb, 14th FTW Green Dot Coordinator.

“Green Dot will live and die by the quality of the training, and I’m very impressed,” he said. “Everyone says this is good stuff, and I would agree with that.”

Green Dot helps organizations like the Air Force implement a violence prevention strategy that reduces power-based interpersonal violence, which includes sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse and bullying.

“The Green Dot program is so much more than an interpersonal violence strategy; it’s a tool,” Nichols said. “Our goal is of course zero incidents, and we may get there, but we will never be done with preventing them. Green Dot will help us continue to prevent these situations.”

Commander-designated Airmen at each installation are conducting the training sessions. Team BLAZE’s Green Dot training team is comprised of two coordinators and five implementers.

“Green Dot is different from other training because it takes a grass-roots approach to reducing interpersonal violence, sexual assault, and stalking,” said LaShon Webb, 14th FTW Green Dot Coordinator. “When you complete the training, it empowers you, and makes you feel like you can make a



Capt. Afton Brown, 14th Flying Training Wing Green Dot Implementer, briefs base leadership during the first Green Dot leadership training session May 4 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Green Dot helps organizations like the Air Force implement a violence prevention strategy that reduces power-based interpersonal violence, which includes sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse and bullying.

difference.”

In addition to leadership training, the Green Dot training team will also hold Early Adopter training for a select number of Airmen from each squadron who will help the team promote Green Dot across the base. All other base members will attend overview training sessions.

Two overview training sessions for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students have also taken place.

“The students were thoroughly enthusiastic,” Webb said. “The training was very well received.”

Installation leadership will maintain oversight of Green Dot through the Community Action Information Board and Integrated Delivery System, and unit training managers will

track completion through the Advanced Distributed Learning System.

Webb said he believes Green Dot will work because it has proven results and is embraced by leadership.

“In a 5-year longitudinal study at selected high schools, Green Dot reduced perpetration violence by 50 percent, and achieved a 17 percent reduction in colleges,” he said. “Our base leadership has empowered Green Dot Coordinators and Implementers with guidance and resources to implement Green Dot and ensure its success, and the Green Dot team members are passionate in their belief this will work.”

“We all need to do our one small part,” Webb continued. “What is your Green Dot?”

Air Force Readiness Programs

(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)

LinkedIn Workshop

The LinkedIn workshop is 2 - 5 p.m. May 23-24. You can learn how to establish and use a LinkedIn account. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

Smooth Move

The Smooth Move class from 10 - 11:30 a.m. May 24 provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. Learn what to expect from TMO, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tri-Care, medical records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. May 31 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. For more information call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop is from 1-2 p.m. May 31 and allows VA contractors to explain to service members, whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member’s military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and for more information please call 434-2839/2790.

First Term Officer’s PFR

The First Term Officers’ Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event will be 9-10 a.m. June 2. For more information, call 434-2790.

Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon June 8. It is an informational workshop for members pursuing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2839/2790.

Pre-separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Survivor-Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan. As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision, and be wary of anyone telling

Chapel team provides prayer, biscuits



Members of the Chapel set up tables with juice, biscuits and books for Team BLAZE members in the wing headquarters building May 17 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. They used the opportunity to talk about freedom of religion, spiritual resilience and more.

you they can offer you a better deal. Always get the true facts about the SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling (662) 434-2720.

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

These briefings are mandatory briefings for active-duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (both single and married), their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 662-364-0504.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We have volunteer opportunities located throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child De-

velopment Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, Chapel, Airman Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Activities office and many others. For more information please call A&FRC at 434-2790.

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the support of a Recovery Care Coordinator who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB RCC at DSN: 493-3399, Office: 334-953-3399 or tim.griggs.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Personal Financial Readiness

Make the most of your money. Contact Ms. Delores Sherman, Personal Financial Counselor, for an appointment at 426-2527, 434-2790. She can help manage finances, resolve financial problems, and reach long-term goals such as getting an education, buying a home and planning for retirement.

Learn How to Read Your LES

Having a hard time understanding your Leave and Earning Statement? Need a refresher so that

you can mentor your subordinates on their entitlements? Finance has you covered. If you would like for Finance to come to your next CC call or Professional Organization event, you can contact Master Sgt. Sabrina Spriggs at DSN 742-3068 or Senior Airman Julianna White at DSN 742-2715.

DRMO

Recycle first by using the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office as your facility’s source of supply. Authorized personnel may retrieve property free of charge if the property is still physically located here in Base Supply and marked at DRMO facilities. Other DRMO processing is available via the web at www.drmo.dla.mil. Cost of shipping will apply. Please call Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parking and assistance is available in the back of building 158.

Last Look Area

Recycling is what the Last Look Area provides! Slightly used furniture and equipment is available to all Columbus Air Force Base facilities for free. Pick-up and delivery is the customer’s responsibility. There is a three-day maximum for customers who wish to reserve items. Facility hours are from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Need more information? Contact Inspections at 434-7231 or 434-7332. Parking is available at the back of building 158.

Chapel Schedule

Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.

Catholic Community

Sundays:

3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex)
4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)
5 p.m. – Mass w/Children’s Church

Tuesdays:

11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass

Wednesdays:

11:30-12:30 p.m. – Adoration

Protestant Community

Sundays:

9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library)
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

Tuesdays:

5 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)

Wednesdays:

4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Ecumenical services

Wednesdays:

6 p.m. – AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th grade
6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John
6 p.m. – Youth Group



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Columbus Air Force Base observes National Police Week



Military Working Dog Ooleg takes a bite out of Senior Airman Kyle Jacob, 14th Security Forces Squadron, while Staff Sgt. Jimmy Juarez, 14th Security Forces Squadron, issues commands during a MWD demonstration May 17 for the 2016 Police Week Demonstration Day event held on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Although Police Week is essentially to honor law enforcement officers, it is also made to be fun and entertaining while also educational for those attending. Attendees had not only the opportunity to see the military dogs in action, but the chance to learn about the care they receive.



Senior Airman Evan Narred, 14th Security Forces Squadron, places a beret on a memorial during the Fallen Defenders Presentation May 18 in the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Attendees learned about the sacrifices made by security forces Airmen.



U.S. Air Force photos/ Elizabeth Owens
Lisa Pender and Staff Sgt. Karl Stefanowicz, both from the 14th Security Forces Squadron, participate in a 24-Hour Fallen Defender March May 16 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, to kick-off Police Week 2016. During National Police Week, security forces defenders and local law enforcement officers demonstrated their capabilities and daily responsibilities to the base and the public as well as honored fallen defenders.

VIEWPOINT

Finding your success

Maj. Todd Tilford

14th Flying Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate

John Wooden established a legendary program during his 27-year tenure as head men's basketball coach of the UCLA Bruins. His final 12 seasons at the helm produced an incredible ten national championships including four undefeated seasons and an astounding 94.5 percent winning percentage. Because of this uncommon degree of achievement, many books have been written on Coach Wooden's principles and how they can apply to other professions. Wooden defined success as "peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable." He stressed to his teams to never focus on being better than the other player, but rather to relentlessly focus on reaching your own

true potential. He noted not all of his players were capable of playing professionally, but nevertheless were successful in reaching their individual potential and thereby contributed to the entire team's accomplishments. So how does Wooden's philosophy apply to the U.S. Air Force? As military members, we often have thankless tasks we must perform on a daily basis. Nevertheless, those mundane and seemingly insignificant duties are part of our mission and must be accomplished. Unlike the private sector, we do not have the benefit of reviewing definitive calculations for success such as quarterly profits. We can only measure our "success" in less tangible ways such as taking pride and self-satisfaction in knowing we have prevented another terrorist attack on our soil or knowing our national interests are preserved. Still, it can be quite difficult to directly attribute these strategic accomplishments to our own daily individual contributions to the mission.

Only a small percentage of our Airmen are recognized for their individual efforts via quarterly, annual and other awards. How can the rest of our Airmen find the self-satisfaction in knowing they are effectively contributing to the mission and being successful? I believe Wooden's definition is quite pertinent in finding the answer. Notwithstanding what your peers may be doing, ask yourself, "Am I making the effort to improve my job knowledge each and every day, and how can I get better? Am I making the effort to maintain my physical fitness, and can I get better? Am I making the effort to develop my leadership skills for future opportunities, and how can I get better? Am I a good Wingman, and how can I improve? No matter how insignificant the task may be, do I have the pride to make the effort to produce the best product that I can, and how can I improve upon that?" Your goal should not be to outperform your peers, rather you should focus on becoming the best Airman of which you are capable. Only you will know whether you are making such an effort. You may not be recognized every day for your performance, but you will find success.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: B-52 Stratofortress

Mission

The B-52 is a long-range, heavy bomber that can perform a variety of missions. The bomber is capable of flying at high subsonic speeds at altitudes up to 50,000 feet, or 15,166.6 meters. It can carry nuclear or precision guided conventional ordnance with worldwide precision navigation capability.

Features

In a conventional conflict, the B-52 can perform strategic attack, close-air support, air interdiction, offensive counter-air and maritime operations. During Desert Storm, B-52s delivered 40 percent of all the weapons dropped by coalition forces. It is highly effective when used for ocean surveillance, and can assist the U.S. Navy in anti-ship and mine-laying operations. Two B-52s, in two hours, can monitor 140,000 square miles of ocean surface. All B-52s can be equipped with two electro-optical viewing sensors, a forward-looking infrared and advanced targeting pods to augment targeting, battle assessment and flight safety, thus further improving its combat ability.

Background

For more than 40 years, B-52 Stratofortresses have been the backbone of the manned strategic bomber force for the United States. The B-52 is capable of dropping or launching the widest array of weapons in the U.S. inventory. This includes gravity bombs, cluster bombs, precision guided missiles and joint direct attack munitions. Updated with modern technology, the B-52 will be capable of delivering the full complement of joint developed weapons and will continue into the 21st century as an important element of our nation's defenses. Current engineering analyses show the B-52's life span to extend beyond the year 2040. In 2001, the B-52 contributed to the success in Operation Enduring Freedom, providing the ability to loiter high above the battlefield and provide close air support through the

use of precision guided munitions. The B-52 also played a role in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On March 21, 2003, B-52Hs launched approximately 100 CALCMs during a night mission. Only the H model is still in the Air Force inventory and is assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot AFB, North Dakota, and the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, which fall under Air Force Global Strike Command. The aircraft is also assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command's 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB.

General characteristics

Primary function: heavy bomber
Contractor: Boeing Military Airplane Co.
Power plant: eight Pratt & Whitney engines TF33-P-3/103 turbofan
Thrust: each engine up to 17,000 pounds
Wingspan: 185 feet (56.4 meters)
Length: 159 feet, 4 inches (48.5 meters)
Height: 40 feet, 8 inches (12.4 meters)
Weight: Approximately 185,000 pounds (83,250 kilograms)
Maximum takeoff weight: 488,000 pounds (219,600 kilograms)
Fuel capacity: 312,197 pounds (141,610 kilograms)
Payload: 70,000 pounds (31,500 kilograms)
Speed: 650 miles per hour (Mach 0.84)
Range: 8,800 miles (7,652 nautical miles)
Ceiling: 50,000 feet (15,151.5 meters)
Armament: approximately 70,000 pounds (31,500 kilograms) mixed ordnance: bombs, mines and missiles. (Modified to carry air-launched cruise missiles)
Crew: five (aircraft commander, pilot, radar navigator, navigator and electronic warfare officer)
Unit cost: \$84 million (fiscal 2012 constant dollars)
Initial operating capability: April 1952
Inventory: active force, 58; ANG, 0; Reserve, 18



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Pagán Jr.
A B-52 Stratofortress takes off from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, Feb. 26, for a deployment. The B-52 is a long-range, heavy bomber that can perform a variety of missions.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Arielle Vasquez
A B-52 Stratofortress from the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, lands March 2 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. In a conventional conflict, the B-52 can perform strategic attack, close-air support, air interdiction, offensive counter-air and maritime operations.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 16-09 earns silver wings



Capt. Edwin Rivas
Toa Alta, Puerto Rico
MQ-9, Creech AFB, Nev.



1st Lt. Colby Browning
Redondo Beach, Calif.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Abdoul Razak Chaibou
Abdou
Niger
C-208, Republic of Niger

Twenty officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to become Air Force pilots.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Retired Maj. Gen. Richard Perraut Jr., former Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, is the graduation guest speaker.

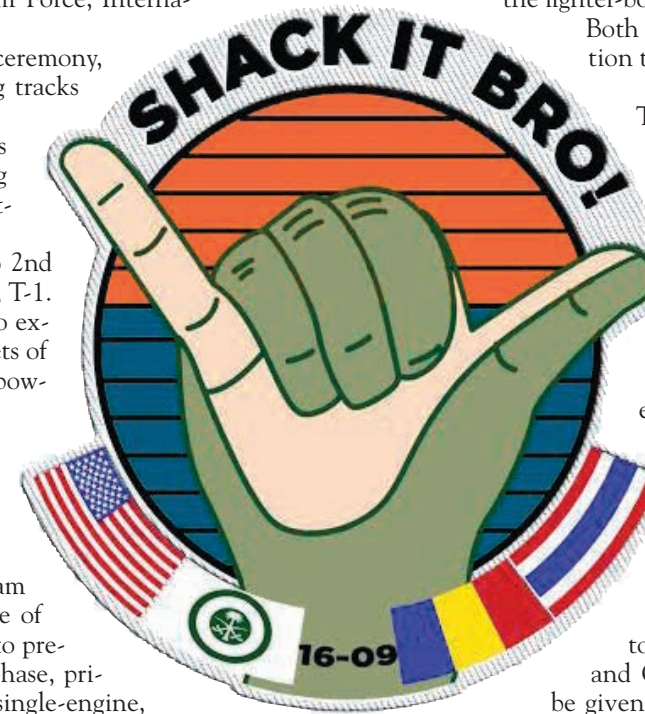
Students will receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

2nd Lt. Andrew Murrell, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Nicholas Vomund, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Henry Martin, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Wesley Templeton, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

2nd Lt. Andrew Murrell, T-38, 2nd Lt. Nicholas Vomund, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Joel McIntyre, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 16-09.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying.



Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 16-09 pilot partners are Hyatt Place and Fitness Factor.



2nd Lt. Douglas Allen
Fishers, Ind.
KC-135, Grissom ARB, Ind.



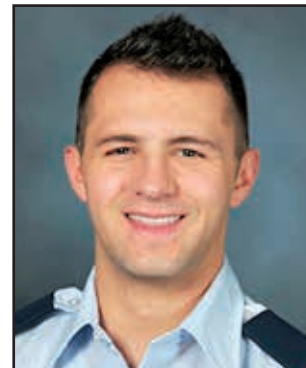
2nd Lt. Tyler Crompton
Quakertown, Pa.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Evan Gros
Lake Orion, Mich.
MQ-9, Creech AFB, Nev.



2nd Lt. William Howard
Cartersville, Ga.
F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Phillip Huebner
San Antonio, Texas
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Seth Jackson
Harrisonburg, Va.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Joel McIntyre
Breese, Ill.
C-130J, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Terrence McKenna
Brooklyn, N.Y.
C-5B, Westover ARB, Mass.



2nd Lt. Andrew Murrell
Ocean City, Md.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Gavin Owens
Ennis, Mont.
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Joel Stark
Dixon, Calif.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Wesley Templeton
Boone, N.C.
C-5M, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Nicholas Vomund
Boone Mills, Mo.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Elisabeth Westfall
Colorado Springs, Colo.
E-8, Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Michael Lindamood
Martinsburg, W.Va.
C-17, Martinsburg ANG, W.Va.



2nd Lt. Henry Martin
Memphis, Tenn.
F-16, Tucson ANG, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Justin McCroskey
Kingston, Tenn.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.